Sl. No.	State	2001	2002	2003
29.	West Bengal	2324.7	2263.9	2263.9
30.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	38.1	40.0	39.6
31.	Chandigarh	91.3	90.8	90.4
32.	Dadra & Nagar Hevali	—	—	—
33.	Daman & Diu	15.0	14.5	14.5
34.	Lakshadweep			
35.	Pondicherry	25.8	25.8	51.0
	Grand Total	27789.2	27205.5	27000.3

* No Employment exchange is functioning in this State.

@ The figures for Jharkhand were included in Bihar.

New Provident Fund Norms

2549. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are appointing a consulting firm to advice on Provident Fund reforms; and

(b) if so, by when the process of finalizing new Provident Fund norms would be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund has decided to engage a consultant namely M/s Mercer Human Resources Consulting for one time study on various aspects relating to investment management of EPFO funds.

Labour Law Reforms

2550. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whetehr it is a fact that Government are bringing Labour Law Reforms by amending the Industrial Disputes Act and the Factories Act; and

(b) if so, by when it would be implemented?